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Tank Spare Parts Depot at Altluedersdorf.

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1. At the beginning of March 1951, it was determined that a Soviet tank spare parts depot was situated near the Altluedersdorf (N 54/U 60) railroad station, west of the railroad line, on either side of the road to Neuwoogow. It consisted of four low wooden buildings, each about 30 x 8 meters, for the storage of tank spare parts, and two sheds for motor vehicles. The bunker-like storage buildings were allegedly built after the beginning of January 1951. there were about 220 troops in the Soviet unit at the depot. They were quartered in requisitioned houses in Altluedersdorf. 50X1-HUM
2. One day between the beginning of March and the beginning of June, tank spare parts in partly open boxes, some as large as 2 x 1.5 meters, were transferred from four railroad cars to trucks at the Luedersdorf railroad station and hauled to the installation. The spare parts included tank wheels of about 60 to 80 cm in diameter, and tank tracks, 50 to 60 cm wide. the cars had come from Finsterwalde. (2) 50X1-HUM
3. On 14 March 1951, 20 soldiers and six trucks were seen on the premises of the former Altluedersdorf Estate, about 150 meters east of the railroad line and 50 meters west of the Altluedersdorf church. A tank spare parts depot was said to be located there. 50X1-HUM
4. On 14 March, it was learned that another spare parts depot was situated south of the road to Neuwoogow, about 50 meters west of the railroad line. The installation was about 100 x 150 meters in size. 50X1-HUM

Material Depot at Berlin-Johannisthal.

5. On 9 May 1951, it was learned that a heavily guarded Soviet material depot was situated in Berlin-Johannisthal (N 53/Z 94), about 1 km northwest of Berlin-Adlershof (3). The low wooden storage buildings were consecutively numbered and bore the inscription NYE KURTI, written in white letters. Several motor vehicles were parked in the yard, and truck was seen leaving the depot occupied by German craftsmen. A Soviet unit of 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red epaulets was 50X1-HUM

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quartered at the depot.

Tank Repair Shop at Buecknitz.

6. In mid-April, it was learned that the Soviet tank repair shop at Buecknitz (N 53/2 11), which had been a German tank ordnance depot until 1945, was moved to the former German filling plant of the Altengrabow ammunition depot. Repair work on tanks would allegedly be resumed there in the near future. The filling plant is located about 1 km west of the ammunition depot. (4)

Motor Vehicle Repair Shop No 100 in Dresden.

7. On 20 May, [] motor vehicles, needing repairs, were [] at [] Repair Shop No 100 in the former Koenig Georg Kaserne in Dresden : 50X1-HUM
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Jean [] and truck [] belonged to the repair shop; and sedan [] driven by the commandant, and sedan [] driven by the [] adjutant. were allegedly only temporarily on loan from another unit. 50X1-HUM
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8. Colonel Zergei Zimolenko, the depot commandant, went to the Lahmann Sanatorium in Dresden-Weisser Hirsch [] on 10 March 1951. His adjutant was Lieutenant Hollin, (fnu). [] Repair Shop No 100 was subordinate to the Soviet military post headquarters of Dresden. [] The numerical designation 100 was used by German craftsmen and Soviet soldiers as well. [] a branch plant with the numerical designation 200 was located in Leipzig. (6) 50X1-HUM
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9. Although the Soviet repair shop unit was never observed engaged in drill or training with weapons, there were 15 to 20 light and heavy machine guns, 200 carbines, 100 submachine guns with clip magazine, and 100 pistols stored in the ordnance room. 50X1-HUM

Repair Shops at Finow.

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10. Prior to 30 May, no changes were observed in the Soviet repair shops on the premises of the factories on Max Hesse Strasse, Finow (N 53/V 08). (7) Trucks [] were parked in the yard of the repair shop to the west. []

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Main Supply Depot Eisenspalterei at Eberswalde.

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11. Prior to 6 June, no changes were observed with the Soviet main supply depot Eisenspalterei near Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), which consists of 13 low brick buildings. (9) Trucks [] sedans [] were identified in traffic to the installation.

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Tank and Motor Vehicle Repair Shop at Kirchmoeser.

12. At the beginning of June, it was learned that Unit [] in Kirchmoeser (N 53/Z 12) was an army tank repair plant, which had been allegedly transferred from Justerbog to Kirchmoeser at the beginning of June 1948. Lieutenant Colonel Zenozov, (fnu) was identified as the political officer. (11) 50X1-HUM
13. In early June, it was learned that Motor Vehicle Repair Shop [] had been transferred to Kirchmoeser from Altengrabow as late as the beginning of April 1951. The unit was said to have arrived with its cadre personnel at Altengrabow from the U.S.S.R. at the beginning of 1949. Major Pozabze, (fnu), was identified as the political officer. (12) 50X1-HUM

Motor Vehicle Maintenance Unit in Leipzig.

14. In mid-May, it was learned that a Soviet motor vehicle maintenance unit [] moved into buildings of the Koellmann Ltd Machine Factory, on Torgauerstrasse, Leipzig, just behind the Leipzig-Taucha railroad line. The installation was guarded by German Volkspolizei personnel. (13) 50X1-HUM

Ordnance Depot and Repair Shop at Moegelin.

15. On 16 May, fuel was pumped into barrels from three tank cars which stood on the spur on the premises of the Arado Plant in Moegelin (N 53/Z 05) which housed a Soviet ordnance depot and repair shop. The barrels were later rolled into the adjoining dense woods. [] trucks [] were seen leaving the plant toward Rathenow. The fence surrounding the plant had been [] needed. (14) 50X1-HUM
16. [] incoming, rusty weapons were disassembled by Soviet mechanics and cleaned by German workers with sand blast apparatuses. German women cleaned the disassembled hand arms. In mid-May, the German work force of 70 men was increased by 25 German women who had been [] drafted together with German craftsmen who were to repair a damaged workshop. (14) 50X1-HUM

Tank Spare Parts Depot at Muellrose.

17. In mid-May, it was learned that, between 7 and 12 May, spare parts from the tank spare depot at Muellrose (O 53/V 52) were also issued to the German Volkspolizei. Three Volkspolizei trucks were seen being loaded with tank spare parts under the supervision of Soviet officers. (15)
18. On 28 May, an armored track-laying vehicle mounting a crane and trucks [] were seen on the premises of the tank repair shop at Muellrose. (16) 50X1-HUM

Tank Repair Shop in Wurzen.

19. On 6 March, it was determined that the branch plant in Wurzen (N 52/E 42) of the railroad car factory in Uerdingen was converted into a Soviet motor vehicle or tank repair shop. In addition to other machinery, the plant contained three test stands for heavy-duty gasoline engines, which have been in operation 24 hours per day for several weeks. The noise of the engines can be heard for a distance of about 5 km. The workers' settlement adjoining the plant had to be completely vacated for Soviet work force in January 1951. (17)

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Comments.

- (2) [redacted] the depot received most of the shipments of tank spare parts from the large depot at Muellrose [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] The shipments were consigned to [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] which are therefore believed to belong to the tank spare parts depot at Altluedersdorf. 50X1-HUM
- (3) An unidentified installation, which may be the large motor vehicle spare parts depot of the 53d Central Repair Shop in Berlin-Oberschoeneweide on the premises of the former Buessing-MAG Plant on Ostendstrasse. [redacted]
- (4) [redacted] the depot had been closed as early as 24 March 1950. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
- (5) Detailed information on the repair shop was contained in a previous report. [redacted]
- (6) The names of the officers are reported for the first time. [redacted]
- (7) The installation was reported in a previous report. [redacted]
- (8) [redacted] an unidentified unit in the Eberswalde-Finow area. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
- (9) The information confirms the Commercial Section of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. [redacted]
- (11) The information confirms the 123d Tank Repair Shop [redacted] in the former railway repair shop. The repair shop was repeatedly reported to have been consignee and dispatcher of rail shipments in Kirchmoeser. Zenzov, (fnu), may be Commissar Smirnov, (fnu), who was reported from Kirchmoeser for the first time at the beginning of May 1951.
- (12) The transfer of Repair Shop [redacted] from Altengrabow to Kirchmoeser was previously reported. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
consignee and dispatcher of rail shipments in Kirchmoeser since the beginning of May 1951. One Major Pozabze, (fnu), is reported for the first time.
- (13) The plant belongs to the 54th Central Repair Shop which has other branch shops on the premises of the Buessingwerk on Linkelstrasse in Leipzig, in Wurzen, and in Apolda. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (14) Previously reported to be an ordnance and equipment depot. [redacted]
- (15) The information refers to the large tank spare parts depot of the 123d Tank Repair Shop at Muellrose, which was previously reported. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The statement that materiel was issued to Volkspolizei units has not been substantiated. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- (16) Motor vehicle
Paragraph 3. Headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army.
Paragraph 5. GOFG (MVD).
Paragraph 7. Unidentified, probably [redacted] for security purposes.
Paragraph 10. SCC and 6th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
Paragraph 11. Headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army 50X1-HUM
Unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army
6th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army
Air force unit
Paragraph 15. Headquarters unit of the IV Arty Corps
Paragraph 18. GOFG
- (17) The information refers to a branch shop of the 54th Central Repair Shop, which specialized in building car bodies. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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